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*A Gold Fibula.* Presented by the Marquis of Kildare.

*An ancient Cannon Ball, made of Sandstone, found in an Excavation made near the Castle of Dalkey.* Presented by Frederick W. Porter, Esq.

*A Heel-ball Rubbing from a brass Plate in the Cathedral of Amiens.* Also, *a Rubbing from an Inscription on an Oak Rood-screen in the old Church of Llanfair, near Kneighton.* Presented by Dr. Todd.

*An ancient Wooden Tray, found at Hilltown, Co. Westmeath.* By Arthur Webb, Esq.

November 29, 1845. (Stated Meeting.)

GEORGE PETRIE, Esq., Vice-President, in the Chair.

William Wordsworth, Esq., was elected an Honorary Member of the Academy.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of Council,

“That the sum of £50 be placed at the disposal of the Committee of Antiquities, for the purchase of articles of antiquarian interest for the Museum.”

The following letter, from Edward J. Cooper, Esq., on the Zodiacal Light, was read :

*Markree Castle, 13th Nov. 1845.*

“SIR,—The phenomenon of the Zodiacal Light being but very rarely visible in these countries, I am induced to trouble you with this communication, to inform you of its appearance here this month. At ten minutes past four o'clock, A.M., on the 4th instant, a strong light, convex in its upper limits, was observed by me, and one of my assistants, at my observatory, in the horizon east by south. It was very similar